

URBAN TIMES

Updates from our agency and local community groups



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Share Your Stories!

We're looking to share news and upcoming events from our local partners and community groups.

Are you affiliated with a community group in the Broadway-Fillmore neighborhood?

Want to include a story in our next issue?

Contact Sarah Maurer via email at smaurer@urbanctr.org or (716) 893-7222 x 232 with story idea and photos.

Check us out on social media!



@MattUrbanCenter



Facebook.com/
MattUrbanCenter

TRUNK OR TREAT WITH US!

Join the Matt Urban Center for our annual Halloween celebration!

We'll have "trunk-or-treating" in the Central Terminal lot and lots of fun activities at the Hope Center, including facepainting, mask making, cider and doughnuts.

Date: Thursday, October 25

Time: 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Place: 385 Paderewski Drive

To register your car, contact Danyel Sease at (716) 893-7222 x403.

To volunteer or make a donation, contact Sarah Maurer at (716) 893-7222 x232.



WE NEED CLOTHING DONATIONS!

With the weather starting to get cold, staff at our Hope Center are beginning to gear up for the winter season! We are calling on the City of Good Neighbors to help us fill our clothing closet!

We are looking for clothing of all types (men's, women's, children's, etc.) Clothing donated to the Hope Center will be used in our clothing boutique, which serves the Broadway Fillmore community, as well as to help those who are homeless this winter stay warm and dry!

All donations are graciously accepted,

but tops on the wish list currently are men's clothing (t shirts, long sleeved shirts, and jeans), sweatpants, and NEW underwear for both men and women.

Donations can be dropped off at 385 Paderewski Drive during regular business hours (Monday-Friday, 11:00 AM-5:00 PM). For additional info contact Skylar Diamond at (716) 893-7222 ext 305.



COMMUNITY EVENT: CONCERT WITH OPEN BUFFALO

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6TH, 2018
7 PM TO 9 PM**

**MATT URBAN CENTER
1081 BROADWAY,
BUFFALO, NY 14212**

CLIMBING POETREE

dual-voice spoken word with infectious beats

Spoken word duo **Alix+Naima** offer soul-stirring performances on diverse themes of:

- Healing from state + personal violence
- Social/Economic/Racial Justice
- Human Rights | Spirituality

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COMMUNITY BREAKFAST RECAP



We hosted our quarterly Community Breakfast on September 22 to give our neighbors and community partners an update on our School 57 renovation project.

The project, slated for completion next summer, will transform the vacant former P.S. 57, located at 243 Sears Street) into a new home for our Matt Urban Hope Center, as well as 27 apartments for homeless women and children.

Our Urban Diner that we operate in partnership with Friends of the Night People will also be moving into the space. We will have a state-of-the-art kitchen that will be utilized by the diner and for our Hope Works job training program.

The meeting also featured roundtables with our Youth, Senior Services, and Housing programs to provide guests with more information on the resources we provide. Our next quarterly Community Breakfast will take place in January 2019. Stay tuned for an official date announcement!

FIELDS OF DREAMS BLOCK CLUB UPDATES

New Meeting Location

The Greater East Side Fields of Dreams Block Club is now meeting at William-Emslie Family YMCA, located at 585 William Street, Buffalo New York 14206 from 2-4 pm.

Come join us at our monthly meetings on the first Saturday of each month at our new meeting place and help us to put the Neighbor back in the Hood.

Membership Drive

We are having a membership drive from September-December. Get involved and help to be a voice and unite in an effort to improve the quality of life, and safety for our Families, Neighbors, and Businesses in the community in which you live, work, and play.

You can contact us on our website: greatereastsidefieldsofdreamsblockclubassociationinc.com under the contact, on Facebook page: GreaterEastsideBuffaloNY, at our monthly meetings the first Saturday of every month, or call 716-240-0708.

Chess Tournament

We are looking for people young and old to participate in our Chess Tournament (date and time to be announced). You can sign up at our website, email at mth1043938@aol.com, or call Michael Threat at (716) 204-0708.

Community Concern

The Mayor Bryon Brown announced earlier in the Year at the Buffalo Convention Center (state of the city address) that he would be putting a Police Sub-Station in the Broadway Market at 999 Broadway St. Now the question is "Where is the Sub-Station?"

Get involved and contact your mayor or your councilman to get answers to that question.

We Need Community Participation

If we want to have a say in our community, we need you to come out and participate in what is happening in our neighborhood or community when it matters.

On Saturday, Sept 15, 2018, Designing to Live Sustainably with Cedarland Development & Design Buffalo had a workshop on Designs for the Old Kmart Building at 998 Broadway. They invited area residents, stakeholders and interested individuals to participate in a public visioning and design workshop for the former K-Mart building and site. Sadly it was lacking the people in the community to voice what they wanted.

On Saturday, Sept 22, 2018, the Buffalo Central Terminal was one of the few site who had the honor of receiving the Class of World Monument Day. They had tours and tables to celebrate. However, what it was lacking was participation of the members of the community in and around the Central Terminal.

In order to bring about change, to embrace what is going on, to make a difference you have to come out and participate in things going on!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The Greater East Side Fields of Dreams Block Club had a great time celebrating with the community at the National Night Out family concert on Tuesday, August 7 at the corner of Coit and Peckham Streets.

This annual summertime celebration gives us an opportunity to visit with

our neighbors and celebrate the work of our community police officers. Guests enjoyed live music by The Sensational Old School B-Boys and 4 B-LO, along with family friendly activities, giveaways, and food.

We would like to thank all those who came out and made it a great

success. We want to congratulate our Raffle winners, too!

First place: Matthew Stewart

Second place: Catherine Lewis

Third place: Irene Cusack

We're already looking forward to planning for next year!



Catherine Lewis, raffle prize winner



National Night Out performers



Face painting was a huge hit!

CATCH US ON FACEBOOK LIVE!

We've got a new tool for Outreach!

Next time you're on Facebook, check out our LIVE Facebook videos by Michael Threat. Get updates on what is going on with the Block Club. Look, listen and comment so we can know how you feel and what you would like to see us do for the communities in which we serve.

Find us on Facebook at:

[www.Facebook.com/
GreaterEastsideBuffaloNY](http://www.Facebook.com/GreaterEastsideBuffaloNY)



WHO WE ARE: FIELDS OF DREAMS BLOCK CLUB



The Greater Eastside Fields of Dreams Block Club Association Inc. was formed in 2013 within a two-block radius of Coit and Detroit Street to create one voice on the issues that were affecting our neighborhood. It now encompasses 14 blocks.

Our purpose is to initiate and implement charitable programs beneficial to the community and to unite in an effort to improve the quality of life for our Families, Neighbors, and Businesses in the communities that we serve.

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